



## MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Miner's Tip

**SAFETY  
IS A  
VALUE!**

### Cull Yard Safety

Category : General Safety

Mine Type: Surface Stone

**Safety Tip: Prepare a firm, level work area for the placement of blocks of stone.**

Recently, a miner died when, while sorting dimension limestone to be sawn, he was crushed between two stone blocks. The blocks were placed about three feet apart on uneven ground in a "cull yard". The miner had walked between the blocks, when one toppled against the other, fatally injuring him.



**The following practices may save your life.**

- **ALWAYS** place blocks on firm, level, ground free of protrusions and other discontinuities. Keep the work area maintained, especially after heavy rain or increased traffic.
- **AVOID** putting yourself between two blocks of stone, regardless of the appearance of the ground surface.
- If access to all sides of a block is required, have enough space between blocks so there is no chance one could topple into the "work zone" of another. Leave yourself an "out".
- Follow established procedures. Accidents are more likely to occur when something out of the ordinary is done, even for a brief time.

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**Remember – Safety is a Value that you can LIVE with!**